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## **LATINO LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS UNVEILS 2002 POLICY AGENDA**

*Language rights, housing and budget priorities are top issues.*

**Sacramento, Calif.** –The California Latino Legislative Caucus will unveil its legislative priorities for the 2002 Legislative session. The *Agenda for California's Working Families* seeks to address issues that impact all Californians, particularly in the policy areas of language rights, housing and budget priorities.

“This legislative year has already proven to be challenging,” said Senator Richard G. Polanco (D-Los Angeles), Chair of the Latino Legislative Caucus. “It is essential during these times to develop a policy agenda that advocates sensible legislation and budget priorities that protect the most vulnerable Californians--our children, working families, seniors and immigrants.”

“The Caucus’ 2002 Policy Agenda is the culmination of many hours of hard work and dedication from Caucus Members,” said Assembly Majority Floor Leader Marco A. Firebaugh (D-South Gate), Chair-elect of the Latino Legislative Caucus. “This agenda represents a true commitment to ensuring a better quality of life for all Californians.”

<b>WHAT:</b>	<b>LATINO CAUCUS UNVEILING: 2002 POLICY AGENDA</b>
<b>WHO:</b>	<b>MEMBERS OF LATINO LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS</b>
<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2002 10:30 A.M.</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>GOVERNOR'S PRESS ROOM 1190 STATE CAPITOL, SACRAMENTO</b>

### **BACKGROUND:**

Since its inception in 1973 with five Democratic Assembly Members, the Caucus has experienced tremendous growth. The Latino Legislative Caucus reached an all time high of 22 Democratic members in November 2000, including seven Senators and fifteen Assembly Members. The members of the Caucus represent diverse geographical regions throughout the State and bring a wide array of perspectives to the California State Legislature.

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